





PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yasuyuki SAKAI Group Art Unit: 3753

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For: COOLER FOR COOLING BOTH SIDES OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the March 7, 2006, Election of Species Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Species I, Figures 1-9, subspecies represented by Figs. 7-9, and the subspecies of tube design represented by Fig. 4. The election is made with traverse. Claims 1-3 and 5-9 are readable on these species. Claims 1 and 2 are generic.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner <u>must</u> examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid

unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

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